



COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

December 21, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.

Room B, Audrey P Beck Building

Present: Antonia Moran (Chair), Meredith Lindsey, Bill Ryan

Also Attending: Council member Denise Keane

Chair Antonia Moran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Moran recommended that a citizen's request to add an opportunity for public comment be added to the agenda following the call to order. By consensus the Committee agreed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting as presented. Ms. Lindsey voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Ryan and Ms. Moran abstained. The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, made numerous allegations against the Ethics Board and Staff and called for the dismissal of the Board.

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, stated his opposition to professional staff assisting the Ethics Board of which he is a member. Mr. Sikoski suggested the Committee on Committee, in conjunction with the Advisory Board Chairs, should decide who staffs Boards and Commissions.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Clerk outlined the current volunteer application process. Members discussed additional ways to disseminate volunteer opportunities including use of the Q-Send notification system, press releases and other venues. Members agreed to further discuss the role of committee chairs in the application process at their next meeting.

By consensus the Committee agreed to have the Chair divide the committee list and assign each member a group of chairs to call. Members will ask each chair who on the committee wishes to be reappointed, who is no longer interested in serving, which volunteers are still attending meetings, and if a waiting list of interested volunteers exist. Members will also ask each chair if they have any specific concerns regarding their membership. Committee on Committee members will try to make as many calls as possible prior to the next meeting.

Chair Moran asked members to be cognizant, as they are contacting the committee chairs, of any committee consolidation opportunities.

Members discussed Mr. Nesbitt's request for a citizen's position on the Four Corners Sewer Advisory Committee. Members agreed the Chair will contact Mr. Girard to see if he is willing to resign and serve in another capacity thereby allowing Mr. Nesbitt to be appointed as a citizen representative of the Committee. If not, Ms. Moran will recommend to the Council the addition of an additional citizen appointment to the Committee. Ms. Moran will contact Mayor Paterson to ask her to add the issue to the December 28, 2009 agenda, if necessary.

The Committee will next meet on January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Members agreed to hold their regular meeting on the third Monday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. The Clerk will file the schedule.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items will be on the agenda of the January 19, 2009 meeting:

Review of Committees

Role of Committee Chairs in the Appointment Process

Discussion of the Evaluation of Advisory Committee Structure

Ethics Board

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk